

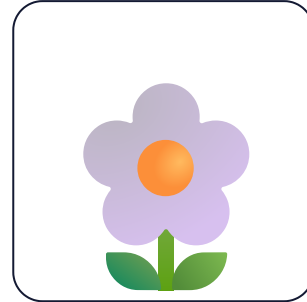


The Longest Day of the Year

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① In Sweden, winter is long and very dark. So when summer comes, people want to be outside. Around June 21, the days are the longest of the year. In the far north, the sun does not set at all. This is the time for Midsummer, one of the biggest parties in Sweden.



② The main party is on Midsummer Eve. It is always on a Friday between June 19 and 25. Many offices and shops close early, and people go outside to celebrate. Friends meet in a green field and make crowns of wild flowers. Then they put up a tall pole covered with leaves and flowers.

③ Next comes the funniest part. Everyone holds hands and dances around the pole. In one song, they jump like little frogs and sing about having no ears and no tails. Grandparents, parents, and small children all jump together. Later, they eat fish, new potatoes, and fresh strawberries. Then the adults sing short songs together.

④ Before going to bed, some people pick seven different flowers. They put them under their pillow. People say you will see your future love in your dreams. Other countries in the north, like Finland and Latvia, celebrate too. They light big fires near lakes, and some people even jump over them. On the brightest night of the year, nobody wants to go to sleep early.

Words 単語

midsummer 夏至のころ、真夏

pole 柱、さお

crown 冠

field 野原、畑

frog カエル

tail しっぽ

pillow 枕

bright 明るい



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Midsummer is a fun festival in the north when the days are longest.
- (B) Midsummer is a winter festival with snow and ice.
- (C) Midsummer is a Japanese festival for frogs.
- (D) Midsummer is a day to stay at home and sleep early.

2. When is Midsummer Eve in Sweden?

- (A) Always on June 21
- (B) On a Monday in July
- (C) On a Friday between June 19 and 25
- (D) On December 24

3. What do people do in the frog song?

- (A) They swim in the lake.
- (B) They jump and sing about having no ears and no tails.
- (C) They eat strawberries very fast.
- (D) They put flowers under their pillow.

4. Why do people put seven flowers under their pillow?

- (A) To sleep better on a hot night
- (B) To keep the flowers fresh
- (C) To give them to a friend the next day
- (D) To see their future love in a dream

5. In the dialogue, what surprises Takumi about the time?

- (A) It is nine o'clock, but it is still bright.
- (B) It is very dark at six o'clock.
- (C) The party starts at midnight.
- (D) The dance is only one minute long.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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| Midsummer Eve in Sweden is always on a Friday. | T / F |
| At Midsummer, the days are the shortest of the year. | T / F |
| People dance around a pole with leaves and flowers. | T / F |
| Midsummer is a national holiday in Japan. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



●

● flower



●

● fish



●

● sun



●

● strawberry



●

● frog



●

● fire

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

bright

pumpkins

dance

frog

crowns

field

flowers

snow

pole

strawberries

Midsummer in the Field

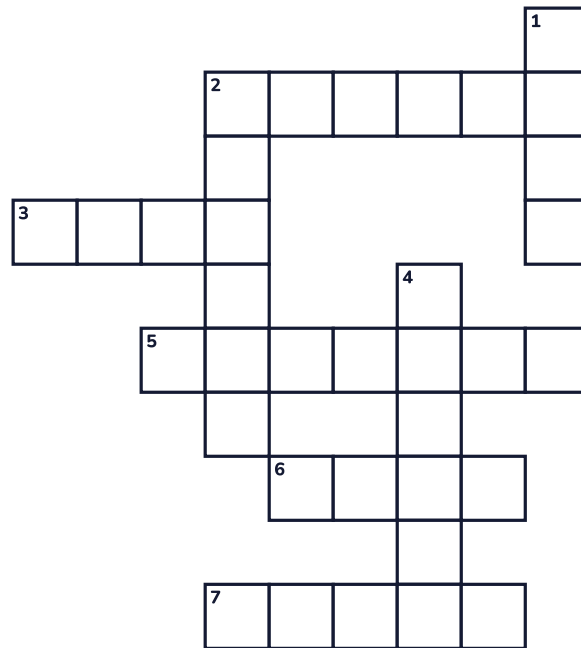
It is Midsummer Eve. Freja and her friends walk to a green (1) _____. They pick wild (2) _____ and make (3) _____. Then everyone helps to put up a tall (4) _____. They hold hands and (5) _____ around it. Freja's grandpa jumps like a (6) _____! For dessert, they eat sweet (7) _____. At ten o'clock, the sky is still (8) _____.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 2 The hottest season of the year. (6)
- 3 In Finland, people make big ones by the lakes. (4)
- 5 A small fish. Swedes eat it at this festival. (7)
- 6 A tall stick. People dance around it. (4)
- 7 People wear it on their heads. It can be made of flowers. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 A small green animal that jumps and lives near water. (4)
- 2 A country in the north of Europe. Its capital is Stockholm. (6)
- 4 You put your head on it when you sleep. (6)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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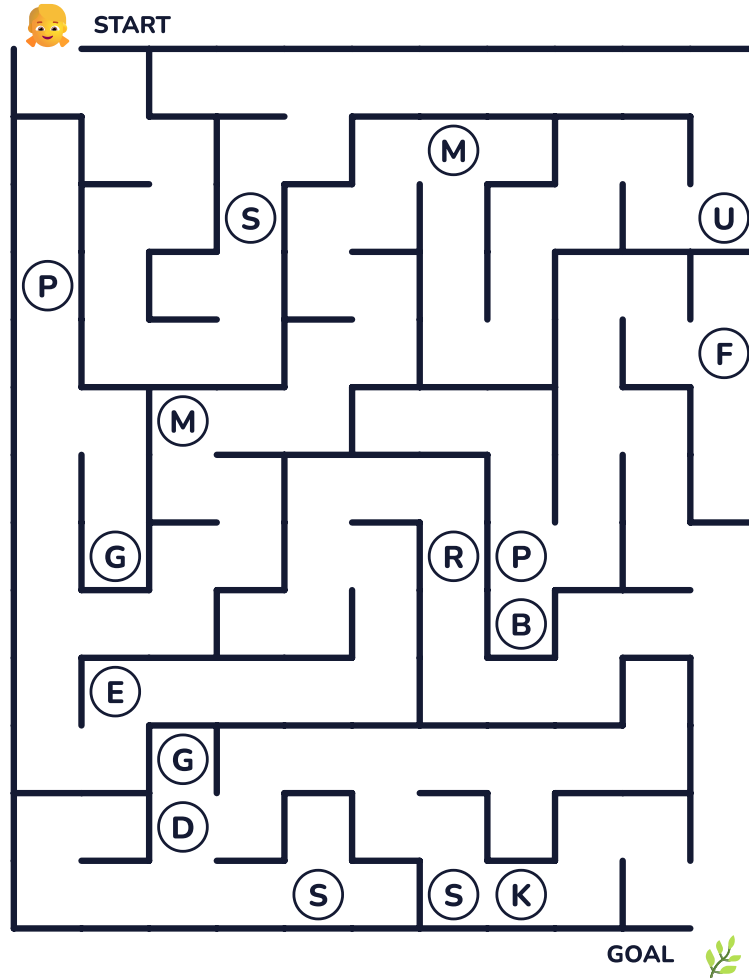
Find these words! 10

- ☐ CROWN
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ FIELD
- ☐ FIRE
- ☐ FLOWER
- ☐ FROG
- ☐ POLE
- ☐ SUMMER
- ☐ SUN
- ☐ SWEDEN



Help Freja get to the Midsummer pole!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____



Class Activity & Writing

Class _____ No. _____ Name _____

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If the sun did not set all night, I would _____.

My favorite season is _____ because _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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frog



strawberry



sun



fire



fish

Draw your Midsummer! 夏至祭（ミッドサマー）の絵を描こう。